

Bart Enterprise  
Sunday  
**Letters To  
The Editor**  
April 23rd, 1950

Undue and suspicious interest on the part of several citizens has been evidenced on what literature and written material should or should not be locked up (restricted). One even outlined a complete program for the library board to follow. How come? All subversive literature should not only be denied recognition in lists which expend taxpayers money but should be prohibited. Traffic in pornographic literature is illegal because it promotes immorality. All subversive literature enervates true Americanism. You can not temporize with mental poison. Immature minds are not confined to puerility. Anything that subverts true Americanism to a foreign ideology deserves Destruction not restriction. Public moneys should not be expended for literature to be locked up for the benefit of a few eccentrics.

If the library board is as competent as I think it is, it will throw the rubbish out, not restrict it.

Sincerely,  
James C. Adams  
121 Meyers, Bartlesville, Okla.

The fault with a lot of people is that they're always finding fault with a lot of people.



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"THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, established in 1876, is an organization of libraries, librarians, library trustees and others interested in the responsibilities of libraries in the educational, social and cultural needs of society. It is affiliated with more than fifty other library associations in this country and abroad. It works closely with many organizations concerned with education, recreation, research, and public service. Its activities are carried on by a headquarters staff, voluntary boards and committees, and by divisions, sections, and round tables, all interested in various aspects or types of library service. Its program includes information and advisory services, personnel service, field work, annual, and midwinter conferences, and the publication—not for profit—of numerous professional books, pamphlets, and periodicals."

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The annotations in the following list of periodicals carried by the Bartlesville Public Library are those appearing in the Eighth Edition of "PERIODICALS For Small and Medium-sized Libraries", 1948.

- AMERICAN MAGAZINE (monthly). Crowell-Collier Pub. Co., 250 Park Ave., New York 17. 1876-date.
- Covers many phases of American activity. Novel-length fiction and short stories are a prominent feature. Articles on sports, political and social life, science and technology and short articles on a great variety of subjects. The biographical articles on "Interesting People" stress unusual personalities rather than well-known persons. Many illustrations. Reading interspersed with advertisements. Indexed in Abridged Reader's Guide, Dramatic Index, and Reader's Guide.
- AMERICAN HOME (monthly). American Home Magazine Corp., 444 Madison Ave., New York 22. 1904-date.
- All phases of homemaking—house plans, decoration, furnishings and equipment, repair and upkeep; recipes and menus, inspirational articles. Emphases on homes of low and medium cost. Both reading matter and advertisements illustrated, often in color. Indexed in Reader's Guide.
- AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHY (monthly). American Photographic Pub. Co., 353 Newbury St., Boston 15. 1889-date.
- Well illustrated. Has technical and popularly written articles. Contains notices of contests, exhibits. The advertising is worth noting. Book reviews on allied subjects. Indexed in Reader's Guide and Magazine Subject Index.
- ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE (bimonthly). American Academy of Political and Social Science, 3457 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 4. 1889-date.
- A series of separate monographs each devoted to an exhaustive, scholarly discussion of a specific social or economic subject. Not a popular periodical but useful in colleges and smaller libraries and schools in which debate work is prominent. Includes excellent book notes and reviews. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Industrial Arts Index.
- ATLANTIC MONTHLY Atlantic Monthly Co., 8 Arlington St., Boston 16. 1857-date.
- Widely used in libraries of all types and of high reference value. General in scope and conservative in attitude, it pays considerable attention to the literary essay, short story and carefully selected poetry, but history, economics, politics and social conditions also are treated with authority and in detail. Excellent book reviews. Indexed in Abridged Readers' Guide, Dramatic Index, and Readers' Guide.



BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

(monthly). Meredith Pub. Co., 1714 Locust St., Des Moines, Iowa.  
1922-date.

Articles on furnishings and decoration, building and remodeling, foods and equipment, home management, gardening, "for all the family". Indexed in Readers' Guide and Abridged Readers' Guide.

BOYS' LIFE

(monthly). Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Ave., New York 16.  
1911-date.

Read by both boys and girls, ages ten through sixteen. Stories and serials cover virtually all boys' interests with emphases on sports and hobbies. Popular section of puzzles and cartoons.

BULLETIN OF THE PAN AMERICAN UNION (now AMERICAS)

(monthly). Pan American Union, Washington 6, D. C. 1893-date.

Official organ of the Union. Published in three editions: English, Spanish and Portuguese, the last two at \$1 per year within the Pan-American Union. Includes articles on current events and conditions and on the literature and history of the republics in the two Americas. Well illustrated and used considerably by general readers. Often used in high schools and colleges in courses in geography and current history and, in the Spanish edition, as supplementary reading for classes in Spanish. Indexed in Readers' Guide.

CANADIAN GEOGRAPHICAL JOURNAL

(monthly). Canadian Geographical Society, 49 Metcalfe St., Ottawa, Ont., Canada. 1930-date.

Contains well-illustrated articles by authorities in their fields on phases of geography of Canada, the British Commonwealth, and the rest of the world. Of interest to the general reader and of use in schools and libraries. Indexed in Canadian Periodical Index and Readers' Guide.

CHRISTIAN CENTURY

(weekly). Christian Century Pr., Inc., 407 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5. 1884-date.

A nonsectarian, progressive, Protestant periodical of religious news and opinion. Positive but not needlessly controversial. Gives considerable attention to social conditions as related to practical Christianity. Signed book reviews and brief book notes. Has considerable use in communities where churches are active. Indexed in Readers' Guide.



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CONGRESSIONAL DIGEST (10 issues yearly). A. G. Robinson, 726 Jackson Pl., Washington, D. C. 1921-date.

Abstracts and digests presidential messages, official statements, important court decisions and summaries of legislation and legislative matters under discussion. Each number specializes on one important legislative problem. Unofficial but authoritative and nonpartisan. No advertising. Much used in school and college classes in civics and debating. Indexed in Readers' Guide.

COLLIER'S (weekly). Crowell-Collier Pub. Co., 250 Park Ave., New York 17. 1887-date.

Notable for articles on current events written by well-known newspaper reporters and commentators. Also contains popular fiction and cartoons. In format and content it is comparable to the Saturday Evening Post. Indexed in Dramatic Index and in Readers' Guide.

CONSUMER REPORTS (monthly). Consumers Union of United States, Inc., 17 Union Square, West, New York 3. 1936-date.

Well illustrated with charts and pictures on various consumer subjects. No remuneration received for ratings of products. They are "based on laboratory tests, controlled use tests, authoritative opinion, experience of a large number of persons, or a combination of these factors... as free from bias as is possible to make them." Bread and Butter, formerly a separate publication, is now incorporated in body of magazine.

CONSUMER'S RESEARCH BULLETIN

(monthly). Consumers' Research, Inc., Washington, N. J., 1929-date.

Like Consumer Reports, this is a series of carefully considered characterizations of products on the market based on unbiased tests. Well illustrated with pictures and tables. It is not necessary to subscribe to both the Consumers' Research and Consumer Reports in the average library. Like the Consumer Reports the Consumers' Research has an annual buying guide that can be purchased only by individual subscription. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Industrial Arts Index.

CURRENT HISTORY (monthly). Events Pub. Co., Inc., 108 Walnut St., Philadelphia, 6. 1914-date.

Articles and shorter notes on all kinds of current events and tendencies, book reviews, Latin-American notes, "Cultural Barometer", "On the Religious Horizon", "Translations and Quotations from the Press of the World", travel. Gives brief biographical sketch of authors. Indexed in Abridged Readers' Guide and Readers' Guide.



- EBONY** (monthly). Negro Digest Pub. Co. Inc., 5125 S. Calumet Ave., Chicago 15, 1945-date.
- A photographic presentation of current activities of Negroes, chiefly in the United States, but occasionally in foreign countries. Although aimed at the popular audience, it carries some historical data not readily located in smaller communities.
- ETUDE** (monthly). Theodore Presser Co., 1712 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. 1883-date.
- This music magazine appeals to the nonprofessional. It is old and widely used and contains music for piano, organ, violin, and voice, as well as general articles on musical topics. Indexed in Readers' Guide.
- FLYING** (monthly). Ziff-Davis Pub. Co., 185 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, 1. 1927-date.
- A well-balanced magazine, with articles covering all phases of aviation, though emphases is on personal flying. Consistently popular with boys. Contains numerous illustrations and photographs. Indexed in Abridged Readers' Guide and Readers' Guide.
- GOOD HOUSEKEEPING** (monthly). Hearst Magazines, Inc., 57th St., at 8th Ave., New York 19. 1885-date.
- A general favorite with women of all ages. The fiction is for the most part the light love-story type by well-known authors. Additional features include articles on housekeeping and beautifying and much of interest to young girls on manners, fashions, personal beauty, and needlework. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Abridged Readers' Guide.
- HARPER'S MAGAZINE** (monthly). Harper and Bros. 49 E. 33rd St. New York 16. 1850-date.
- A high-grade general magazine with a long record of well-deserved popularity. A progressive forum for the discussion of a great variety of subjects of current importance in literature, politics, economics and social affairs. Line illustrations. The fiction is of high quality. Used by a wide variety of readers and worth preserving for its reference value. Indexed in Abridged Readers' Guide, Dramatic Index and Readers' Guide.
- HOLIDAY** (monthly). Curtis Pub. Co., Independence Square, Philadelphia 5. 1946-date.
- For holiday seekers and those who enjoy travel and National Geographic. Delightfully illustrated in color and black and white. Has calendar of events and gives world-wide weather conditions; also describes travel conditions in letters from correspondents. Advertisements attractive. Drama and sports included.



HOBBIES

(monthly). Lightner Corp., 2810 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 16. 1895-date.

Collecting interests covering a wide field are discussed in general articles with contributions and notes from correspondents. In recent issues more space is given to advertisements of value to those wishing to buy or sell.

HOUSE AND GARDEN

(monthly). Conde Nast Publications, Greenwich, Conn. 1901-date.

Treats house design and building, furnishing and decoration, flower and landscape gardening. Double numbers in portfolio form devoted to special subjects of interest to homeowners and builders appear occasionally. Very elaborately illustrated with emphasis on country estates and large houses. Its rather wide distribution indicates interest and occasional usefulness to small home owners as well. Indexed in Readers' Guide.

HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

(monthly). Hearst Magazines, Inc., 572 Madison Ave., New York 22. 1896-date.

Intended for the home owner with adequate funds to indulge in the more expensive building, gardening, home furnishings and decoration projects but includes occasional material on small and moderate-priced houses and the articles on furnishings and decoration are often useful for less expensive and elaborate treatments. Indexed in Readers' Guide.

HYGEIA

(monthly). American Medical Ass'n., 535 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago 10. 1923-date.

A good magazine from which adolescents can obtain authoritative information on person and public health. Many articles in story form. Preventive medicine is emphasized and self-medication discouraged. Its unsensational and yet popularly written contributions long ago made it a favorite with laymen and highly recommended in the medical profession. Interesting illustrations, chiefly photographic. For any library. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Abridged Readers' Guide.

LIFE

(weekly). Time, Inc., 330 E. 22nd St., Chicago 16. 1936-date.

Among the most popular of the pictorial weeklies, it is a fine photographic social history of our times. The main part of the magazine contains only enough text to explain the photographs; but its editorials are thoughtful pieces of writing. It frequently runs a series of articles on places or persons prominent in the news. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Abridged Readers' Guide.



MADemoiselle

(monthly). Street & Street Publications, Inc., 122 E. 42nd St., New York 17. 1935-date.

A fashion magazine addressed to young people. Styles presented are moderately priced and not extreme. In addition to fashion news it includes stories and articles on subjects of current interest. Like many publications in this field, it contains a preponderance of fashion advertising; but it is advertising at its best which adds to its popularity.

MAGAZINE OF ART

(monthly). American Fed. of Arts., 801 Barr Bldg., Washington 6, D. C. 1909-date.

Official organ of the Federation. Excellent illustrations for articles on painting, sculpture, architecture, design and other phases of graphic art in the United States and the world. Includes notes on art exhibitions and prize-winning pictures. Formerly American Magazine of Art. Indexed in Art Index and Readers' Guide.

MONTHLY LABOR REVIEW

U. S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington 25, D. C. 1915-date.

Medium through which the Bureau publishes its regular monthly reports on such subjects as trend of employment and pay rolls, hourly and weekly earnings, weekly working hours, collective agreements, industrial accidents, industrial disputes, wholesale prices, labor turnover, as well as information on retail prices, building construction, changes in cost of living, labor legislation and court decisions, and important labor developments in other countries. Indexed in Engineering Index, Industrial Arts Index and Reader's Guide.

NATION

(weekly). Nation Associates, Inc., 20 Vessey St., New York 7. 1865-date.

Fundamentally similar to New Republic in its liberal editorial policy; but more aggressive in insistence on the correctness and rightness of its often opposing views. Like New Republic, it selects topics from those of current interest in the fields of social, economic, and political news. It also includes dramatic and literary criticism of high quality. Indexed in Readers' Guide.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

(monthly). National Geographic Society, 1146 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C. 1888-date.

Little need be said about this long established and universally popular magazine of travel. Because of its lack of bias, its beautiful photographs--many in color--its well-chosen subjects, and its frequent issue of maps, it is worth while duplicating



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC (Continued)

in several departments of a public library. The semiannual index adds greatly to its usefulness. Indexed in Abridged Readers' Guide and Readers' Guide.

NATURE MAGAZINE

(monthly) (Oct.-May). American Nature Association, 1214 Sixteenth St., Washington 6, D. C. 1923-date.

Similar to Natural History Magazine in choice of subjects but the format is not as attractive. Specializes in little-known and unusual facts of natural science. Designed to "stimulate interest in every phase of nature and the out-of-doors and devoted to the practical conservation of American natural resources." Includes material on birds, flowers, animals and other phases of outdoor life. Suggestions for nature club programs. Well illustrated. Brief book reviews on kindred subjects. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Abridged Readers' Guide.

NEGRO DIGEST

(monthly). Negro Digest Pub. Co, 5125 S. Calumet Ave., Chicago 15. 1942-date.

Very readable articles, original or condensed from other periodicals, appeal to all those who are interested in Negro history and progress and in current developments in race relations. Illustrated with drawings, cartoons and photographs.

NEW REPUBLIC

(weekly). Editorial Publications, Inc., 40 E. 49th St., New York 17. 1914-date.

Recently re-styled, equipped with cartoons and caricatures, this liberal journal of progressive opinion continues its highly readable and provocative interpretation of political, economic and social affairs with a sound editorial policy of sincerity and honesty in interpreting the news. The interest is to the intellectual, but it is simply and clearly enough written to be appreciated by young boys and girls. Subjects for its articles are selected from those of current interest; no attempt is made at complete coverage of weekly events. Sound criticism, rather than cleverness, is the keynote of the theater and book reviews, all by foremost critics. Indexed in Readers' Guide.

NEW YORKER

(weekly). New Yorker Magazine, Inc., 25 W. 43rd St., New York 18, New York. 1925-date.

This outstanding humorous magazine features cartoons and anecdotes, profiles of people and institutions in the news, excellent fiction, book reviews and notes on New York offerings in shops and theaters. Has of late included more comment and opinion on world affairs. While addressed to New Yorkers, it includes articles of interest to many outside of the metropolitan area. Cleverly written and illustrated. The sophisticated, cynical style appeals to the young person. Indexed in Readers' Guide.



NEWSWEEK

(weekly) Newsweek Bldg., 152 W. 42nd St., New York 18. 1933-date.

Comparable to Time. Its arrangement is similar and it attempts to give all of the weekly news which it presents in a straightforward impersonal literary style. Each issue contains several signed articles expressing the viewpoint of the editors. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Abridged Readers' Guide.

OIL AND GAS JOURNAL

(weekly). Petroleum Pub. Co., 211 So. Cheyenne, Ave., Tulsa 1, Okla. 1902-date.

Comprehensive treatment of business and technical aspects of the industry, including news developments, engineering and operative information, market summary and crude oil prices. Indexed in Engineering Index and Industrial Arts Index.

POETRY

(monthly). Poetry, 232 E. Erie St., Chicago 11, 1912-date.

Original poems by present-day writers of all schools of poetical theory and technique. New authors of merit are encouraged. Latter half of magazine is devoted to literary criticism and reviews of new books of poetry. Indexed in Readers' Guide.

POPULAR MECHANICS

(monthly). Popular Mechanics Co., 200 E. Ontario St., Chicago 11. 1902-date.

No list of magazines for young people would be complete without Popular Mechanics. Popular with men of varying ages and aptitudes, its numerous illustrations and information on the latest inventions, tricks in all trades, gadget making, and building have fascinated even unmechanical-minded readers for many years. Its briefest articles are indexed in Readers' Guide, making it a source for information that frequently can be found no other place. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Abridged Readers' Guide.

POPULAR SCIENCE

(monthly). Popular Science Pub. Co., 353 Fourth Ave., New York 10, New York. 1872-date.

Similar to Popular Mechanics in appearance and appeal. As its name suggests, its emphasis is on practical science although it contains much for the amateur craftsman. Its photographs and drawings are as numerous as those in Popular Mechanics. Articles and notes on theories and discoveries in all fields of science, with emphasis on practical applications. Subjects covered include mechanics, invention, aviation, plastics, automobiles, radio, photography, etc. Home workshop projects are featured, and the magazine contains many illustrations, part in color. Useful and popular in school as well as public libraries. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Abridged Readers' Guide.



## READER'S DIGEST

(monthly). Reader's Digest Assn., Inc., Pleasantville, N. Y.  
1921-date.

Originally consisted of abridged reprints. Now some articles are written in editorial offices of Reader's Digest. Choice of reprints plus original articles have made it a magazine of opinion. Brevity and sometimes sensational subject matter have undoubtedly contributed to magazine's popularity. Indexed in Abridged Readers' Guide and Readers' Guide.

## RECREATION

(monthly) National Recreation Assn. 315 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. 1907-date.

Organ of the Association. Articles, based on practical experience, often illustrated, describe organized recreation activities, particularly in cities. Useful to teachers and to leaders of playgrounds for schools and social agencies. Indexed in Readers' Guide.

SATURDAY EVENING POST (weekly). Curtis Pub. Co., Independence Square, Philadelphia, 5, Pa. 1728-date.

Conservative weekly. Scope covers articles about national and international conditions. Fiction includes novels and short stories by established writers as well as authors of promise. Attractive cover designs, colored illustrations, and humorous pages attract young people. Useful for reference even though wide home circulation limits current use. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Abridged Readers' Guide.

## SATURDAY REVIEW OF LITERATURE

(weekly). Saturday Review Associates, Inc., 25 W. 45th St., New York 19. 1924-date.

Devoted mainly to the reviewing and discussion of books. Contributors are leaders in American literary circles. Departments conducted by Bennett Cerf, John Mason Brown, William Rose Benet,. Notable is an honest, critical attitude and independence of spirit pervading the articles and editorials. Indexed in Abridged Readers' Guide and Readers' Guide.

## SEVENTEEN

(monthly). Triangle Publications, Inc., 551 Fifth Avenue, New York 17. 1944-date.

A fashion magazine exclusively for adolescent girls. It is recommended because it discusses their interests and problems in their own language. Contains little advertising but much on fashions, manners and beauty hints. Nicely illustrated.

## SCHOOL AND SOCIETY

(weekly). Society for the Advancement of Education, Inc., 15 Amsterdam Ave., New York 23. 1915-date.

Although they are written by and for educators, these discussions of the methods by which the schools meet the changing needs of society will be of interest to all thinking people. Frequent reports on research projects for the professional



# SCHOOL AND SOCIETY (Continued)

audience. Indexed in Education Index and Readers' Guide.

**SCHOOL ARTS MAGAZINE** (monthly). School Arts, Printers Bldg., Worcester 8, Mass. 1901-date.

Includes design and some abstract art but emphasis is on craft work and its integration with the school program. Some articles give specific instructions; others are reports of successful projects. Well illustrated in color and in black and white. Indexed in Education Index and Readers' Guide.

**SCHOOL LIFE** (Monthly, Oct.-July.) U. S. Office of Education, Washington, 25, D. C. 1918-date.

An official organ of the Office. Covers the whole field of organized education in the United States usually in brief articles and notes. Good illustrations. Lists of useful government documents and other current educational literature. Indexed in Education Index and Readers' Guide.

**SCIENCE DIGEST** (monthly). Science Digest, Inc., 200 E. Ontario St., Chicago 11, Ill. 1936-date.

Summaries from books, newspapers and periodicals, with emphasis on popularized accounts of recent advances in medicine, applied psychology and inventions. For casual reading. Useful for reference but not so authoritative as Science News Letter. Indexed in Readers' Guide.

**SCIENCE NEWS LETTER** (weekly). Science Service, 1719 N. St., N. W., Washington 6. 1926-date.

This little magazine has long been used for reference in many public libraries but it is also popular with the general reader, youngster and oldster alike. It reports briefly and authentically the latest developments in industrial and natural sciences; covers research in the scientific field. Brief book reviews and occasional feature articles. Useful for both schools and public libraries. Indexed in Readers' Guide, Abridged Readers' Guide and Engineering Index.

**SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN** (monthly). Munn and Co., Inc., 24 W. 40th St., New York 18. 1845-date.

This is one of the oldest periodicals devoted to popularized science. Articles on current scientific theories by a staff of contributing editors outstanding in various fields, such as aviation, electronics, engineering, plastics, etc. Book reviews and notes of new products and processes. Indexed in Abridged Readers' Guide, Engineering Index, Industrial Arts Index, and Readers' Guide.



## THEATRE ARTS

(monthly) Theatre Arts, Inc., 130 W. 56th St., New York 19. 1916-date.

Distinguished appraisals of current productions and outstanding personalities in the United States and abroad. Theater, dance, films, and radio. Features excellent photographs of scenes or stage design. Indexed in Dramatic Index and Readers' Guide.

## TIME

(weekly) Time, Inc., 330 E. 22nd St., Chicago 16. 1923-date.

A weekly which gives all of the news in concise form under well arranged subject headings. Much of its popularity is due to its unique literary style which sometimes sacrifices clarity for clever phraseology. Whether it is a magazine of opinion rather than one of straight reporting is a matter of debate. None of its articles is signed. Indexed in Readers' Guide and Abridged Readers' Guide.

## TRAVEL

(monthly). Robert McBride and Co., 200 E. 37th St., New York 16. 1902-date.

Its subject matter is drawn from the whole world. Recent emphasis has been on places opened up or affected in some way by World War II. Lovely black and white photographs illustrate each article. The department called National Travel Club Bulletin supplies information for travelers. Only two or three pages of advertising in each issue. Indexed in Readers' Guide, Abridged Readers Guide and Magazine Subject Index.

## UNITED STATES NEWS

(weekly). The United States News Pub. Corp., United States News Bldg., 24th and N. Sts. N. W., Washington 7, D. C. 1933-date.

National affairs reported, interpreted and forecast for the businessman. A wealth of fact, pro and con opinion and statistics on questions of the week are presented in an objective style, although the editorial point of view is conservative.

## VITAL SPEECHES OF THE DAY

(semimonthly). City News Pub. Co., 33 W. 42nd St., New York 18. 1934-date.

Reprints in full a good selection of important speeches on outstanding contemporary problems. For school work, debates, club papers and discussion. Indexed in Readers' Guide.

## VOGUE

(semimonthly). The Conde Nast Publications, Greenwich, Conn. 1892-date.

Although the style suggestions here are for the smart society woman, the magazine is popular with home economics classes, professional and amateur dressmakers and the average woman in every community. Indexed in part in Dramatic Index.



**FORTUNE**

(monthly). Time, Inc., Time and Life Bldg., Rockefeller Center, New York 20. 1930-date.

An admirably printed and elaborately illustrated magazine, "recording modern industrial civilization in word and picture". Militant but fairly impartial in its well-written articles. Very popular in smaller libraries in spite of its high cost. Indexed in Magazine Subject Index, Industrial Arts Index, and Reader's Guide.

**LADIES' HOME JOURNAL** (monthly). Curtis Pub. Co., Independence Square, Philadelphia 5, Pa. 1883-date.

Fundamentally there is little difference between this magazine and Woman's Home Companion. Both are pleasingly illustrated, feature the same type of light fiction, and sociological rather than political articles. Like the Companion, it is published chiefly for the housewife, but it also includes enough of interest to young girls to be included in a list of periodicals for them. Indexed in Readers' Guide.



TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA:

Pursuant to the request of the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Directors of the Bartlesville Public Library held a called meeting on Wednesday evening, March 1, 1950, in the Commissioners' room at the Civic Center, attended by a Committee, consisting of Mrs. Charles S. Warren, Mrs. George Wills, Mr. W. D. McGinley, Mrs. Frank Sissons, Mrs. M. J. Kirwan, Mrs. J. M. Ribble, Mrs. Bessie Smysor, and representing persons who appeared at the February 23, 1950, meeting of the Board of City Commissioners in connection with the conduct of the City Library, and by other interested citizens.

The Committee representing those appearing in connection with the affairs of the City Library at the February 23rd meeting, presented a copy of a proposal worked out by the Committee, a copy of which is appended hereto, which served as a basis for the discussion which followed.

The provisions of the statute governing the administration of public libraries maintained by city funds, being Chapter 4, Title 65, Oklahoma Statutes Annotated, were outlined by a member of the Library Board. It was pointed out that under the terms of the statute, the Board of Directors of the City Library, appointed by and responsible to the Board of City Commissioners, is charged with the nondelegable duty of administering the library funds, of employing a head librarian, and of determining the library's contents through selection of books and periodicals acquired.

With respect to the Committee's suggestion that an appraisal, on a form similar to the Oklahoma University School of Library Science form hereto attached, of recently purchased books, and books to be acquired in the future, be made, it is the position of the Library Board that all publications purchased are appraised by, or on behalf of, the Board, prior to acquisition, and that there are neither funds nor personnel available to the Board for the type of appraisal suggested by the Committee. Effective as of March 1, 1950, a list of books and periodicals acquired for the library will be kept on file at the library, and lists of current acquisitions will be furnished periodically to the local newspapers for publication, for the convenience of any citizen or group of citizens desiring to make an independent appraisal thereof. The Library Board will be pleased to consider such independent appraisals, and any policy suggestions resulting therefrom, when presented to the Board at any of its regular meetings. Effective as of March 1, 1950, the Library Board as a whole will constitute its committee on selections.

Some of the members of the Committee expressed a personal preference for certain magazines not presently available in the Library, over certain periodicals on the current subscription list. It is the position of the Library Board that since it is not possible, within the limits of the funds available, to maintain in the library all periodicals desired by all citizens



or groups of citizens in the community, the Board's responsibility requires the selection of a representative, balanced list of reputable publications. One of the citizens present at the meeting, who was not a member of the Committee, expressed the view that the Board's criteria of selection should be limited neither by the community's reading habits as reflected by local newsstand sales nor by the personal preferences of any citizen or group of citizens, but instead should effect a reasonable balance as between conflicting views on controversial subjects. That statement fairly reflects the views of the Library Board.

The Library Board is in agreement with the view of the Committee that all members of the community should be afforded opportunity to present to the Board suggestions with respect to administration of the City Library. Effective immediately, prior public announcements of the time and place of all regular quarterly meetings of the Board will be made, and all interested persons desiring to present matters to the Board at such meetings will be afforded an opportunity to do so.

No other criticisms which in the opinion of the Board affect the operation of the City Library, were presented by the Committee, or by other citizens present at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
BARTLESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Russell W. Davis, President



This committee has held two meetings since its appointment by Mayor Hudson, and has outlined a tentative program upon which the opinion of the library board is sought.

Before embarking upon any course of action, it would be well to procure and study the ordinance, or section of the city charter governing the functions of the library board.

The qualifications required for membership on the board, what procedure is adopted for selection of the personnel of the board, and what is the length of the term of office, we believe to be relevant information.

In the public interest, we would like to suggest that the library board, with the co-operation of this committee, make a book appraisal of the recently purchased library books, and that in the future such book appraisal be referred to before purchases are made.

Since the library is the property of the public, and is maintained in the public interest, it would seem advisable that the library board hold open meetings at more frequent intervals than has been the custom in the past. The time and place of these meetings should be announced in advance.

It is the sincere hope of the members of this committee, that it will not be looked upon by the board members as a complaint department to be shunned or rebuffed. We are seeking only the most friendly relations with the board members, and we hope to co-operate in the continued expansion of the library as a means of serving the public.

Unfortunately, due to current tensions, personal criticisms have been made. If there is any justification for these criticisms we believe it is the duty of the board to ascertain upon what basis these criticisms were made. This committee seeks to function, solely in the public interest, and to insure the people of this city the best possible literary coverage for the tax money spent.

If it would not be too great an imposition upon the librarian, we would like to have a list of the books purchased during 1949, with the names of the authors, the publishing house, and the price of the books. It would simplify our appraisal, if the books were listed under the classifications in which they are catalogued.

Only in this way will it be possible to discern the approximate apportionment of funds in various fields of literature.

We hope that the above will be accepted as constructive suggestions, and not as criticisms. We further hope that we may meet again with the board, as willing and co-operative citizens, and that any feelings of antagonism that may have been engendered through inadvertent statements by us, or by the board members will be relegated to the forgotten past. Unless this relationship can be established and maintained, no progress may be hoped for now, or in the future.

Sincerely,



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE

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Outline for Book Appraisal

Non-fiction

Author  
Title

Publisher  
Subject and form

Date

Vols.  
Price

Scope

Authority: Author's qualifications

Author's point of view and purpose

Author's sources

Treatment: popular; scholarly; technical; accurate; careless; partisan;  
unbiased; dull; interesting

Style or literary quality: excellent; good; fair; poor; readable

Bibliographic characteristics: table of contents; index; notes; bibliographies

Physical make-up:

Size  
Binding  
Paper

Type  
Illustrations

Treatment in book reviews

Other books to which this one is related

Of interest to: adults; young people; students; teachers; specialists

Value for reader: information; contribution to culture; stimulation of  
interests; recreation; entertainment

Recommended for: public library (main, branches, deposit stations, pay  
collection college library; university library; school library;  
special library.



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REQUESTED BUDGET 1950-51

SALARIES

\$6,290.00

Head Librarian	\$3,300.00
1st Assistant Librarian 32 hrs week	1,380.00*
2nd Assistant Librarian 20 hrs weekly	840.00*
Student Ass't Librarian 12 hrs weekly	420.00*
2nd Student Ass't " 12 hrs weekly	300.00
Vacation Relief	<u>50.00</u>

JANITOR

\$ 600.00

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

\$2,500.00

Periodicals	\$200.00
Replacements & Substitutions	\$1,800.00
(For expected 900 volumes to be worn out thru year)	
New books - 250 at average \$2.00 each	<u>\$500.00</u>

RECORDS

\$ 200.00

AUDIT

\$ 50.00

TELEPHONE, POSTAGE, STATIONERY

\$ 150.00

SUPPLIES & BOOK REPAIRS

\$ 250.00

(This item comprises catalog cards, book cards, book pockets, application cards and other routine supplies)

\$10,040.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

250.00

(Repair of water-stained west wall and ceiling, replace missing screens, and window cords for four windows)

TOTAL . . . . . \$10,290.00

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FOOTNOTES

SALARIES

#1.

1st Assistant Librarian now works 32 hours in lieu of 30 hours. Adjustment in salary proposed is to compensate for the additional time and for a slight increase for meritorious service.

#2.

The amount of salary proposed for 2nd Assistant Librarian constitutes her present salary plus a \$5.00 per month increase for meritorious service.

#3

Student Assistant Librarian. The amount proposed constitutes her present salary plus a \$5.00 per month increase for meritorious service.

HEAD LIBRARIAN, AND STUDENT ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN AND VACATION Relief,  
No change from last year year's approved budget.

Janitor - Not changed from last year's approved budget.

RECORDS

\*1 - Proposed to augment and maintain rental record supply. The present record library purchased thru rentals paid by patrons. This is an extremely popular feature of our library.

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Statistics 1947-48

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Circulation</u>
Muskogee	32,332	24,000	120,301
Enid	28,081	14,465	70,453
Ponca City	16,794	19,787	98,028
Bartlesville	16,267	about 8,500	89,072

1948-49

Ponca City	20,000	about 19,000	89,783
Bartlesville	20,000	8,000	89,873

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National Library Standards says: for library service

- \$1 per capita for limited or minimum service
- 1.50 " " " reasonably good service
- 2. " " " superior service.

Bartlesville has about 40¢ per capita.

Bartlesville library service costs little more than 3¢ per month per person.

We have 210 record albums--circulation last year 1835 albums--most of these paid for by \$1 paid by each new borrower.



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